

ADDRESSING INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY





Department of Workforce Services



Utah State Board of Education

utah department of
human services



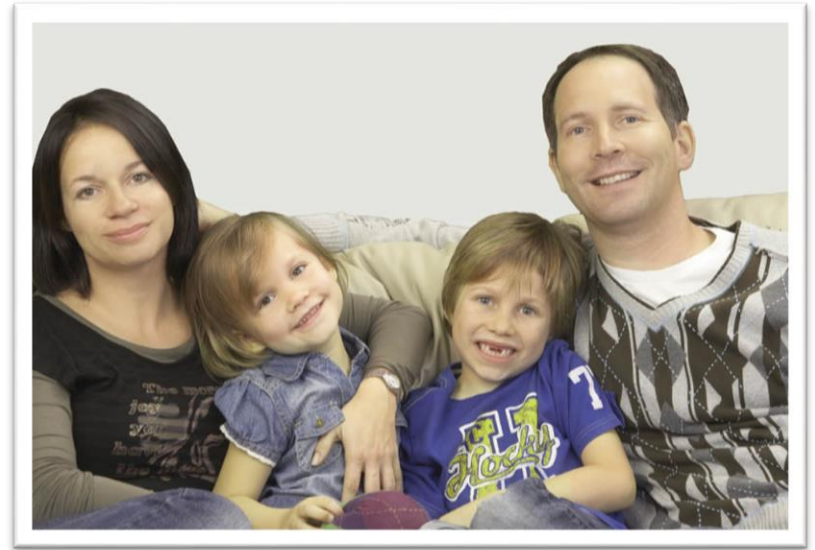
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH

UTAH JUVENILE COURTS

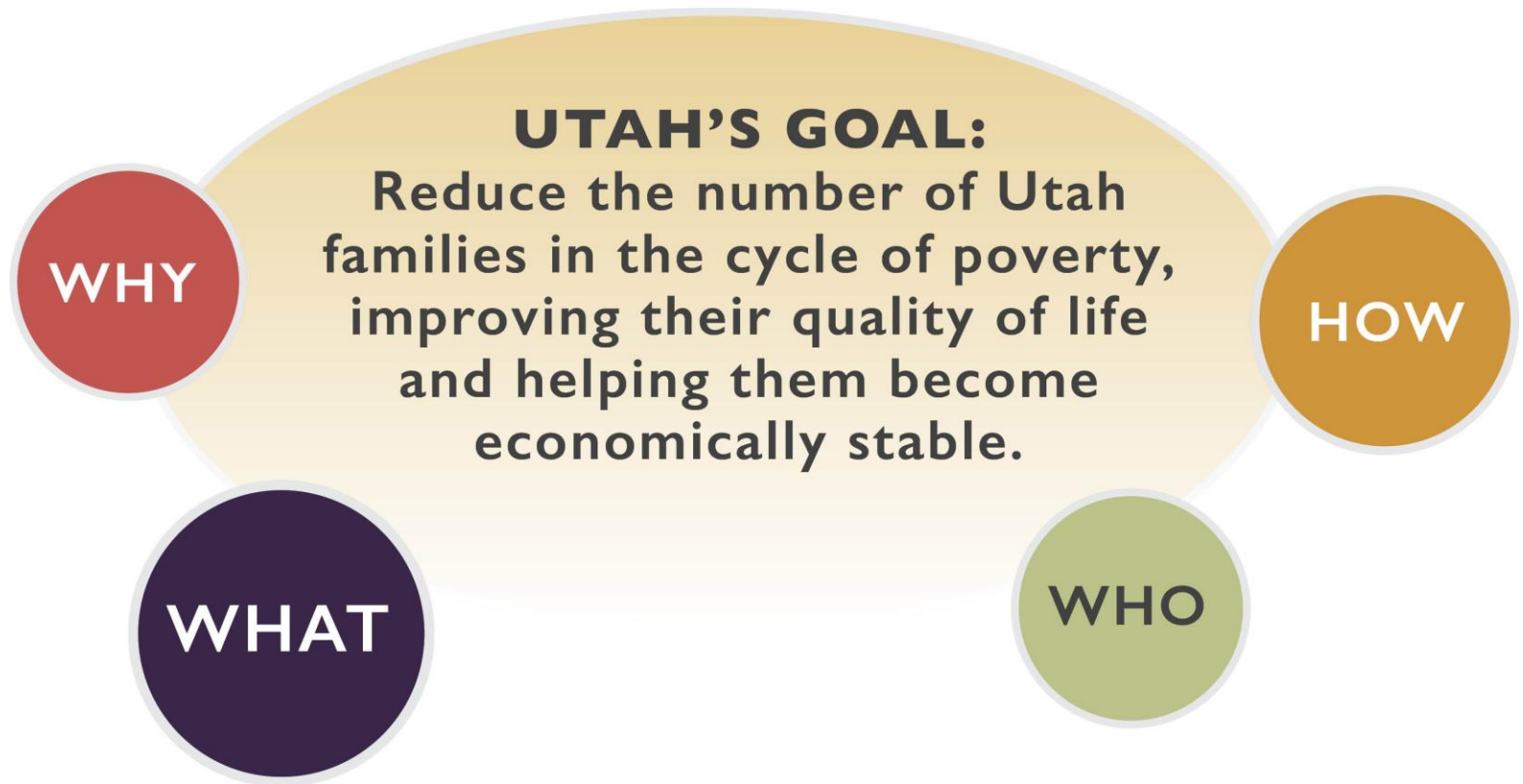
WHAT IS INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY?

Intergenerational Poverty:

- Poverty in which two or more successive generations of a family continue in the cycle of poverty.
- Measured through utilization of public assistance for at least 12 months as an adult and 12 months as a child.



INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY GOAL



SITUATIONAL POVERTY IS DIFFERENT

Situational Poverty:

- Generally traceable to a specific incident or time period. It is not continued to the next generation.



Job loss



Divorce



Illness

Loss of a
loved one



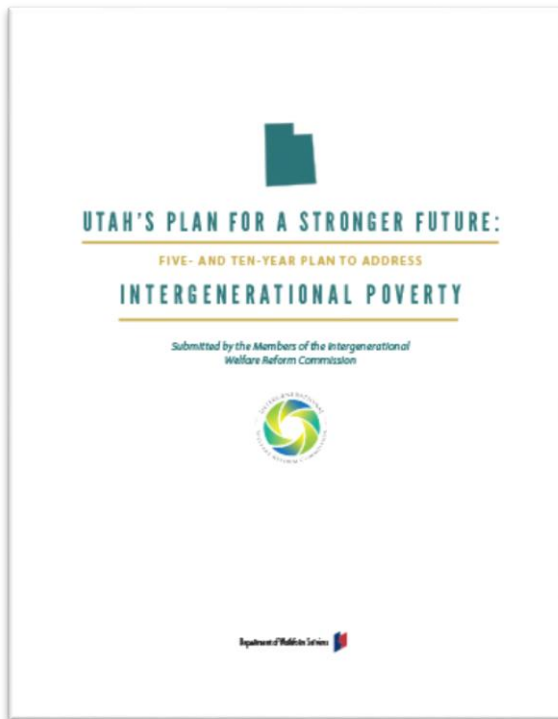
LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Legislative Mandate (2012-2013)

- Created the Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission:
 - Workforce Services
 - Human Services
 - Health
 - Utah State Board of Education
 - Juvenile Court
- Required regular reports and a data tracking system
- Required collaboration of Commission member agencies



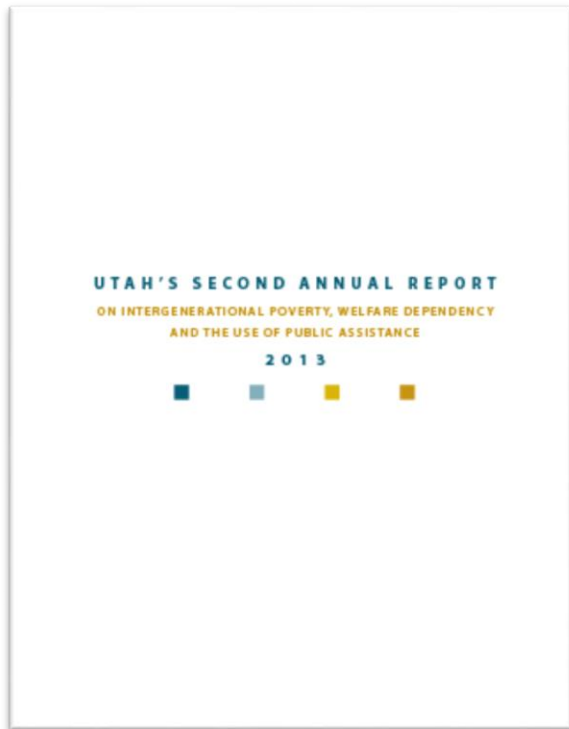
ANNUAL REPORTS



2012 Report:

- Identified and defined the demographic of Utahns who experience intergenerational poverty
- Created a tracking system

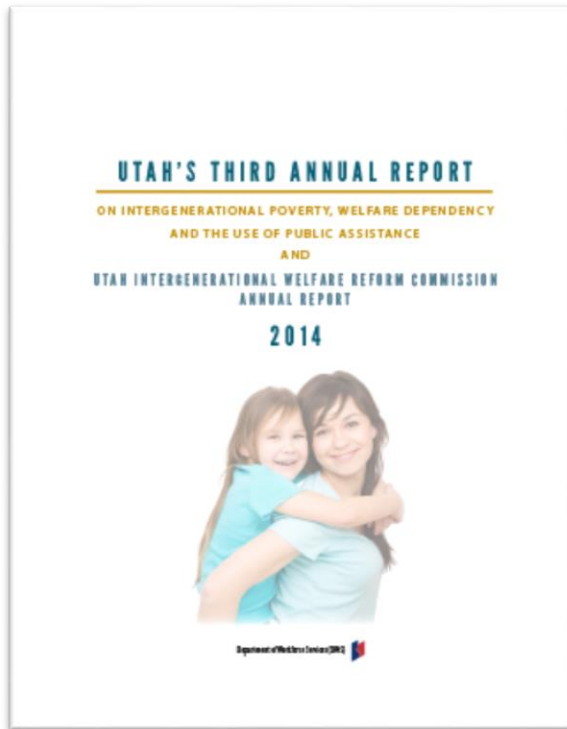
ANNUAL REPORTS



2013 Report:

- Updated the data tracking system
- Individuals have sporadic, but not infrequent employment and earn low wages

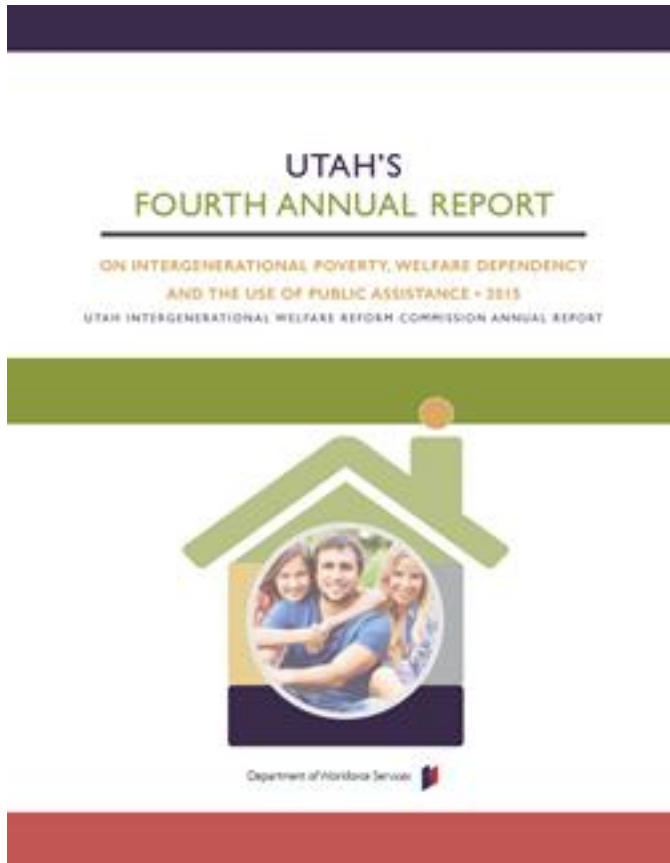
ANNUAL REPORTS



2014 Report:

- Gathered and analyzed data into four focus areas of child well-being
- Began data sharing across multiple state agencies

ANNUAL REPORTS



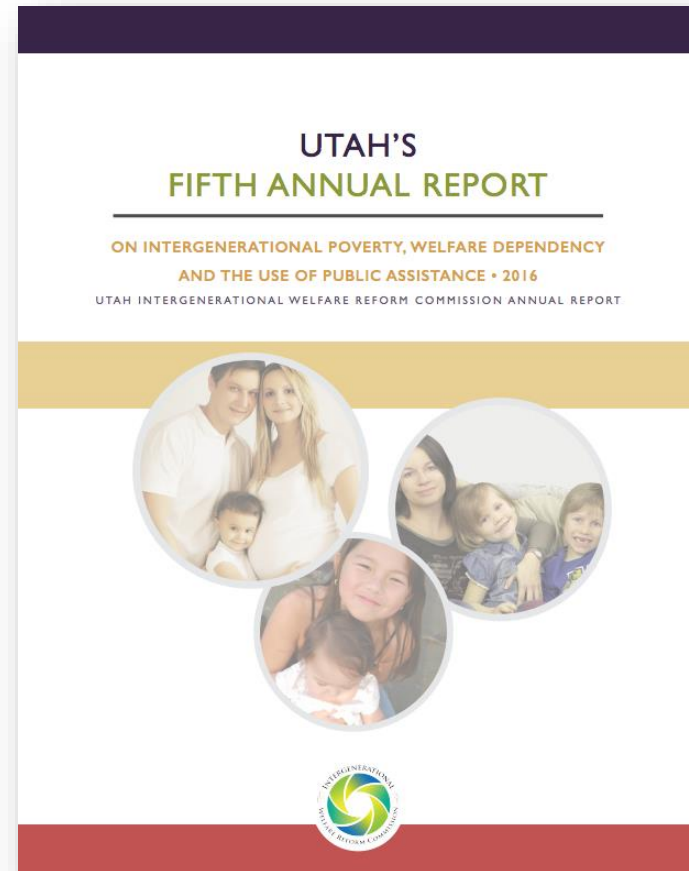
2015 Report:

- New indicators
- Key data findings
- Commission recommendations

ANNUAL REPORTS

2016 Report:

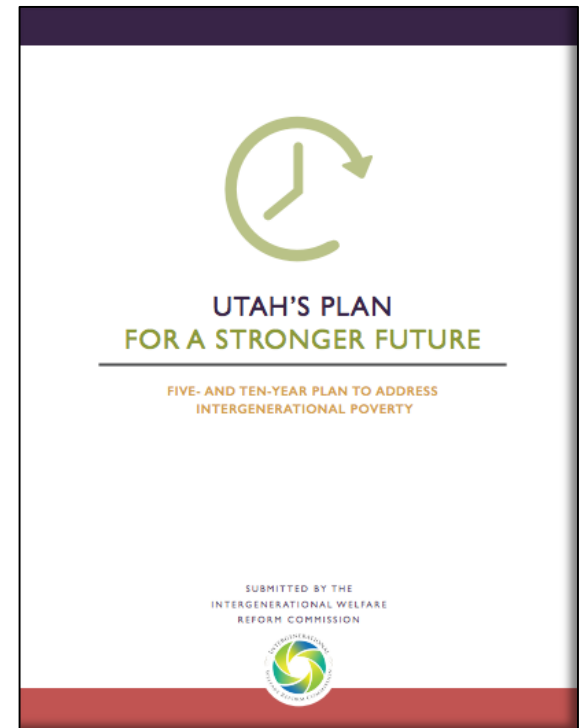
- New indicators
- Key data findings
- Promising practices



FIVE- AND 10-YEAR PLAN

Utah's Plan to Address Intergenerational Poverty:

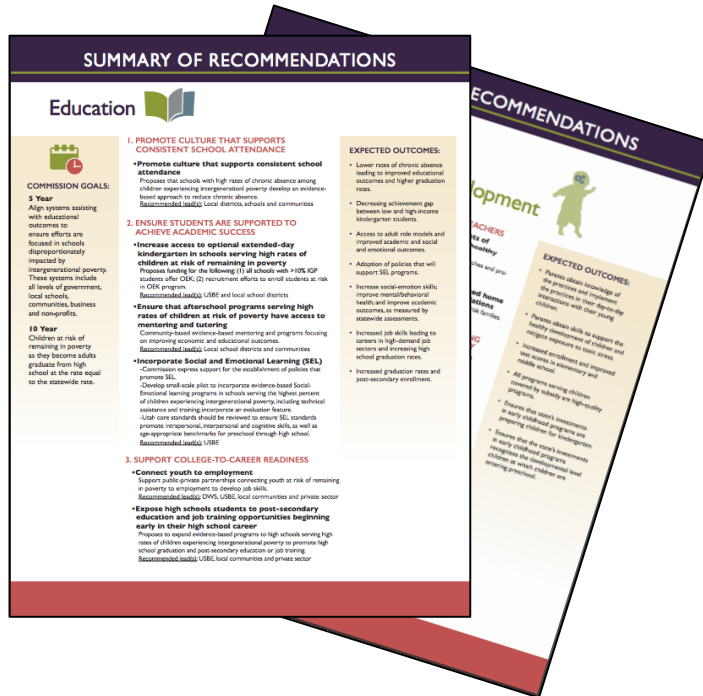
- Determines a five- and 10-year goal for each focus area
- Provides recommendations, expected outcomes and recommended leads
- Establishes the framework for county efforts



SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations:

- Data-driven, researched and evaluated by Commission and Advisory Committee
- Recommended leads include public and private sectors
- Make wiser decisions on using limited resources appropriately



FOUR FOCUS AREAS

Focus Areas of Child Well-Being:

- Early childhood development
- Education
- Family economic stability
- Health



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



Critical Brain Development Starts Early:

- Key development happens in **first three years** of life
- **Stressful home environments** result in developmental impairments
- Children in poverty are exposed to **significantly fewer vocabulary words**

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

5-Year Goal:

Align all systems involved in early childhood development to ensure Utah has the capacity to prepare for kindergarten children at risk of remaining in poverty.

10-Year Goal:

Ensure that all children who are at risk of remaining in poverty as adults are emotionally, cognitively and **developmentally prepared for kindergarten.**



EDUCATION

Attendance Matters:

- Intergenerational poverty students generally have **higher rates of chronic absenteeism**
- **41%** of intergenerational poverty students **moved at least once** in 2013

Underperforming in Reading and Math:

- Third grade reading proficiency
- Eighth grade math proficiency



EDUCATION



Graduating from High School:

- **59%** of intergenerational poverty seniors graduated in 2014, compared to 83% for the overall student population

EDUCATION



5-Year Goal:

Align systems assisting with educational outcomes to ensure efforts are focused in schools disproportionately impacted by intergenerational poverty.

10-Year Goal:

Children at risk of remaining in poverty as they become adults **graduate from high school** at the rate equal to the statewide average.

FAMILY ECONOMIC STABILITY

Economic stability is linked to education:

- Intergenerational poverty adults have lower levels of education: **53%** of adults graduated from high school

Limited education results in fewer opportunities in the workforce:

- Only **33%** of adults worked the entire year in 2015
- \$13.4k average adult **wage** in 2015



FAMILY ECONOMIC STABILITY

5-Year Goal:

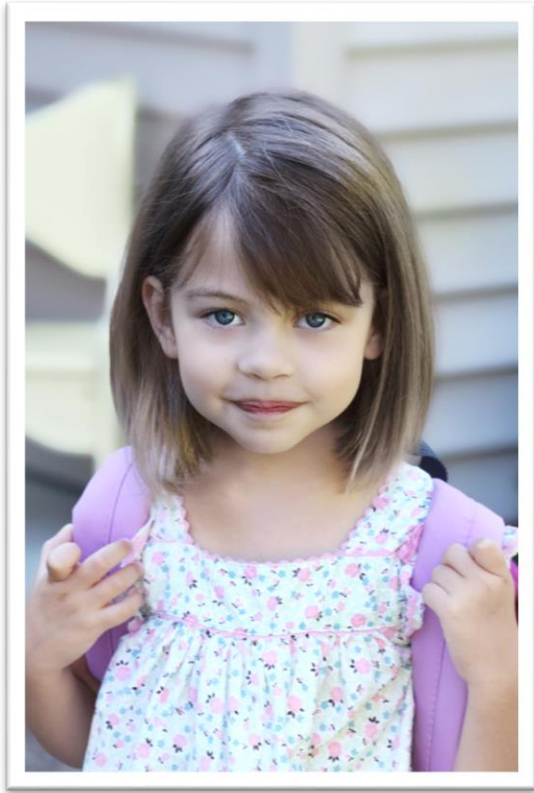
Children at risk of remaining in poverty **live in stable families**, that meet their basic needs (e.g. food, housing, health, safety and transportation).

10-Year Goal:

Ensure that all children who are at risk of remaining in poverty live in **families that are self-reliant**.



HEALTH



Mistreatment of children impacts brain development, nervous system and immune system:

- 24% of intergenerational poverty children have been **victims of abuse and neglect**
- Child abuse and neglect may lead to alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, and criminal activity

HEALTH

Children at risk of intergenerational poverty lack:



Proper Nutrition

- 89% of K-12 are **enrolled in free or reduced lunch**
- More than 90% of children **receive food stamps**

Healthcare Utilization

- 94% of children are enrolled in public health insurance in 2015
- 63% of children (ages 0-5) **saw a dentist** in 2015

HEALTH

5-Year Goal:

Ensure that all children experiencing intergenerational poverty **have access to quality physical health, mental health and dental care**, regardless of where their family resides in Utah.

10-Year Goal:

Ensure that all children experiencing intergenerational poverty are **receiving quality physical, mental, and dental care** at the same rate as the statewide rates, regardless of where their family resides in Utah.





INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING LEADING TO SUCCESS IN ADULTHOOD

EDUCATION

- Kindergarten participation
- Chronic absence rates
- 3rd grade language arts proficiency
- 8th grade math proficiency
- AP participation
- ACT scores
- Graduation rates
- Juvenile justice engagement



FAMILY ECONOMIC STABILITY

- Adult educational attainment
- Adult employment
- Wage levels
- Housing stability



HEALTH

- Access to health care, including physical, mental and dental health
- Rates of abuse and neglect
- Participation in nutrition programs



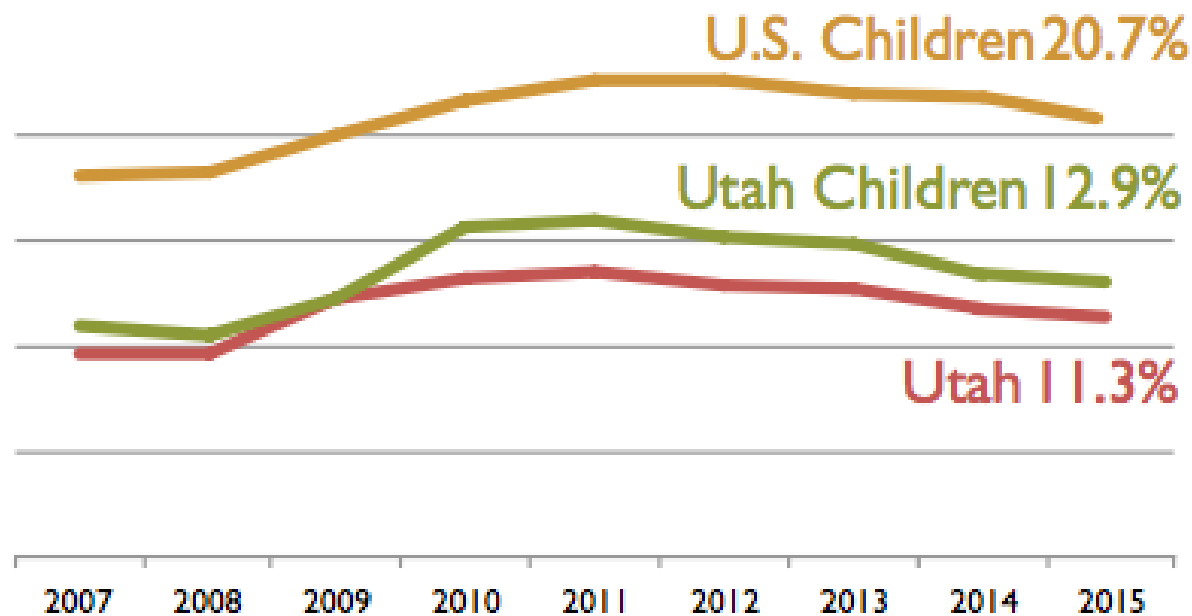
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- Access to health care beginning in infancy
- Access to quality child care
- Preschool participation
- Kindergarten readiness

FOUNDATIONS TO SUCCESS

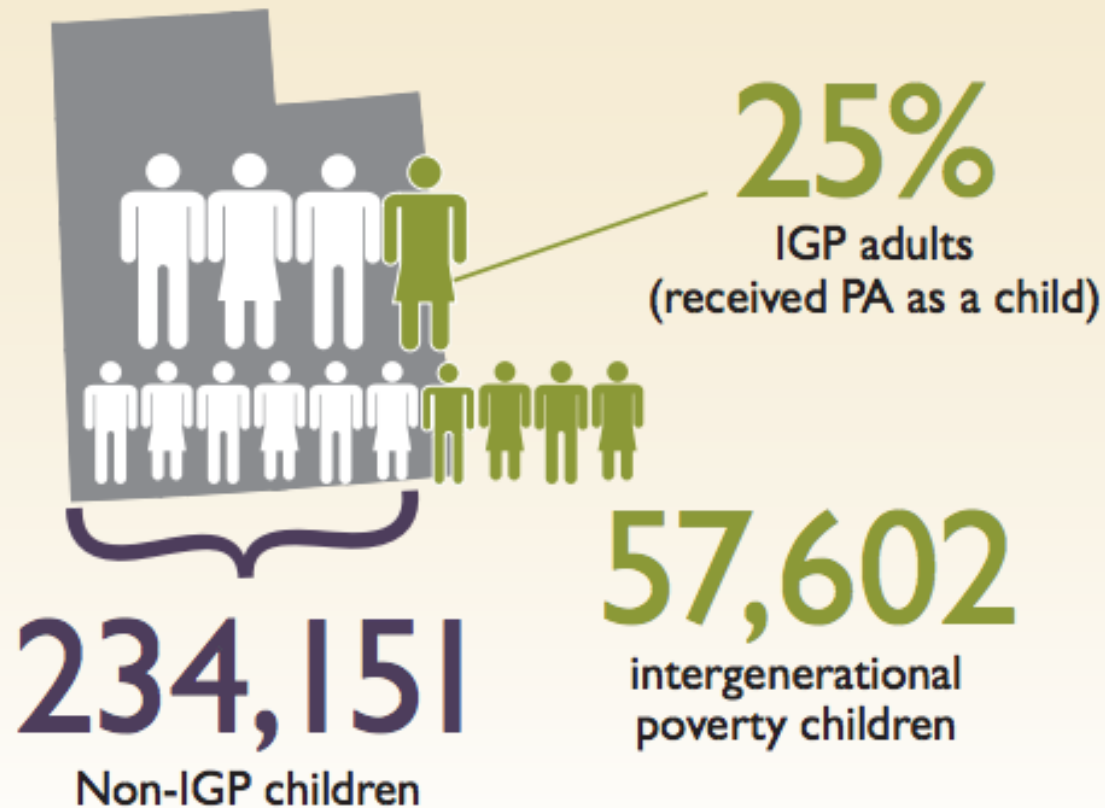
CHILD POVERTY CONTINUES TO DECLINE

Poverty Rates, 2007–2015



INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY IN UTAH

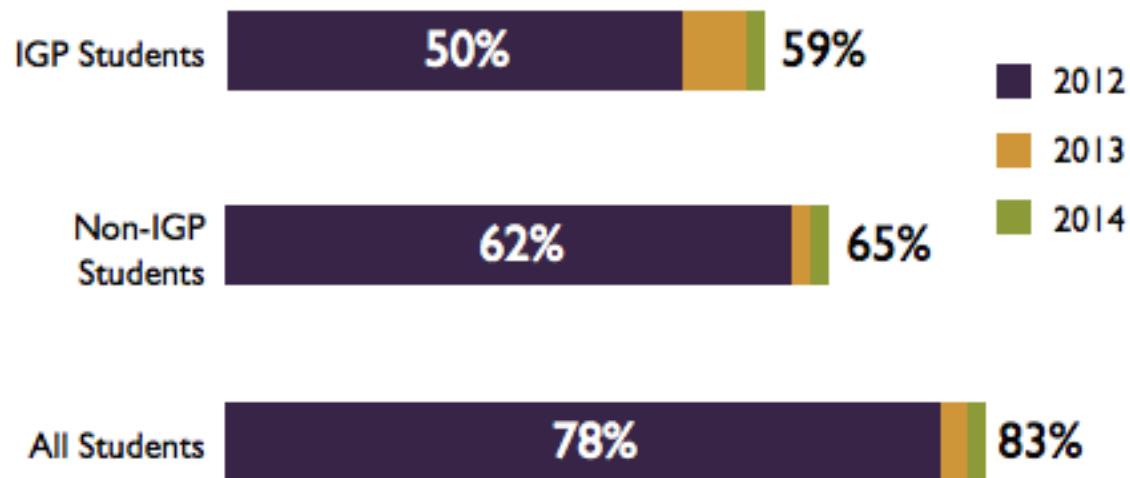
Utah Adults Receiving Public Assistance (PA)



STATEWIDE GRADUATION RATES

“66 by 2020” Influences Graduation Rates

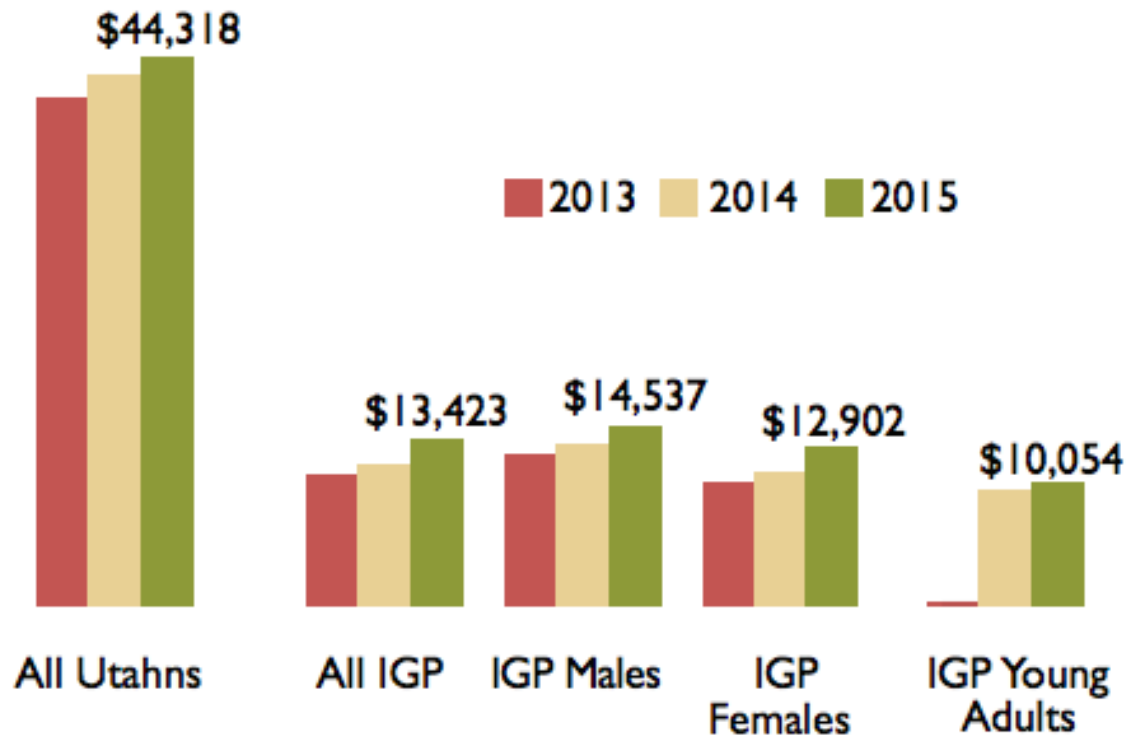
SY2012–2014



AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE

Wages Continue to Improve

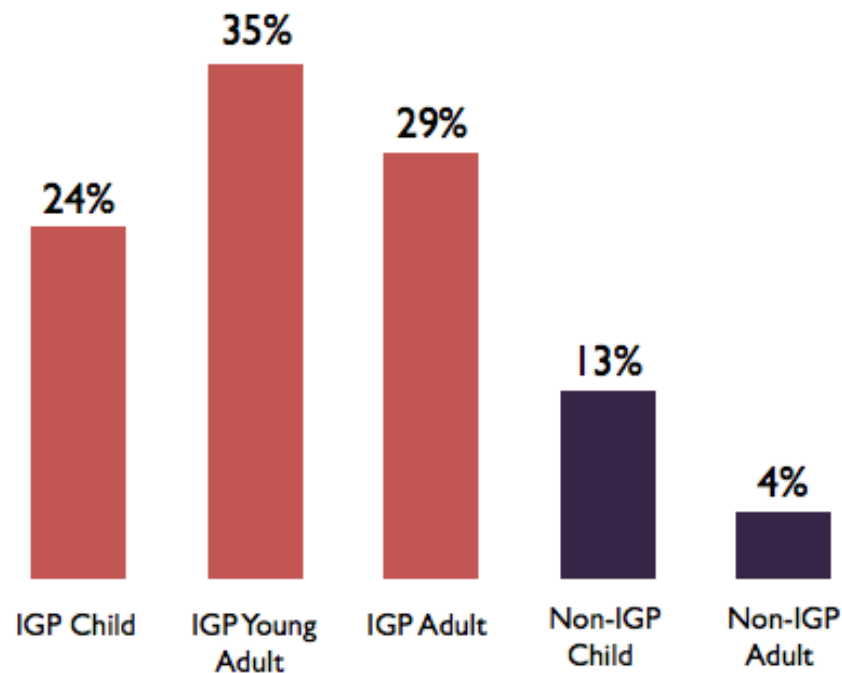
Average Annual Wage, 2013–2015



CASES OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Child Maltreatment Higher Among Intergenerational Poverty Individuals

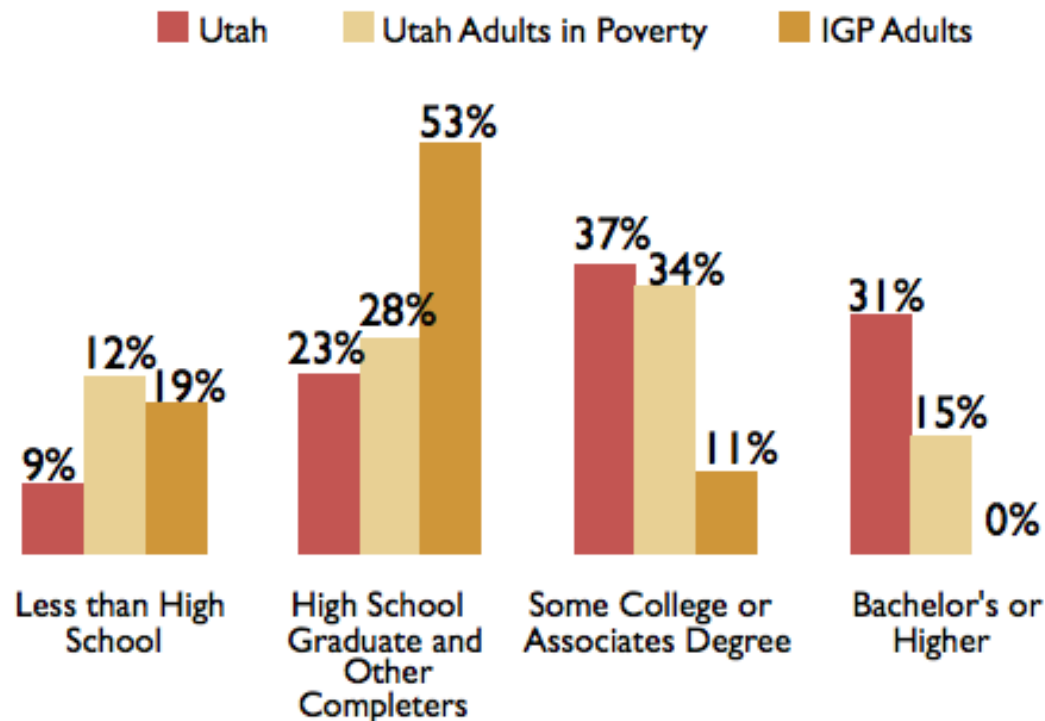
Substantial Cases of Abuse and Neglect, 2015



LOWER EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Majority of Adults Lack Education Beyond High School

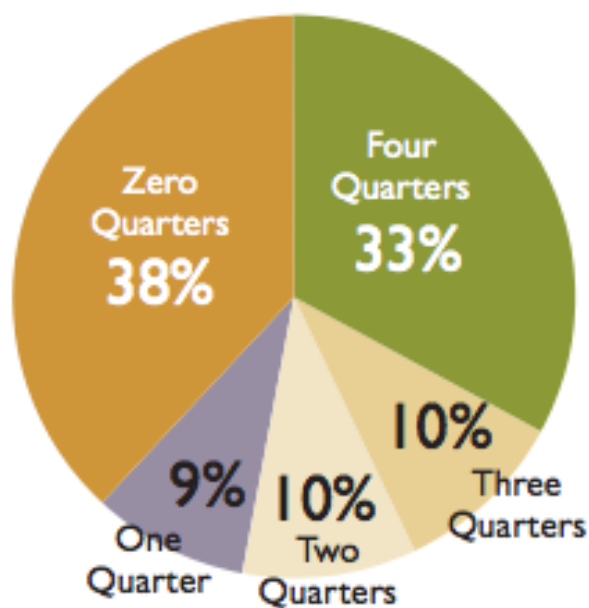
IGP Adults, 2015



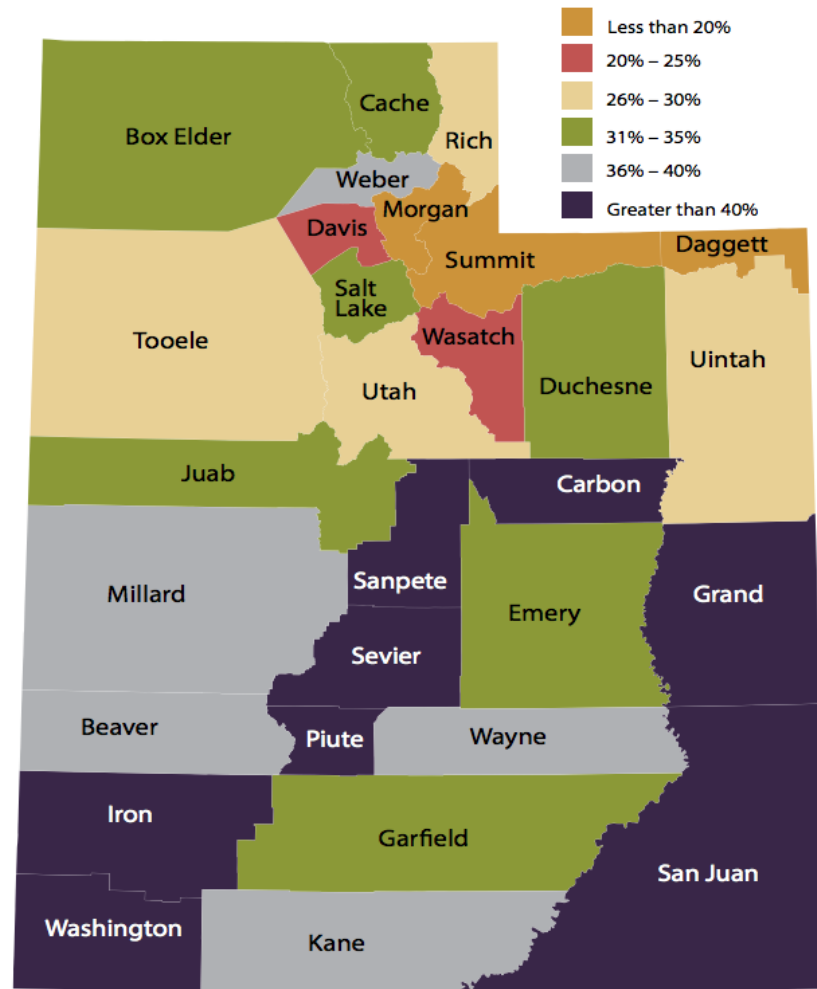
33% OF IGP ADULTS WORKED ALL YEAR

Majority of IGP Adults Worked in 2015

Based on Quarterly Wage Data



EVERY CORNER IS IMPACTED



Utah Map of Children at Risk of Remaining in Poverty

TEST PROGRAMS

Next Generation Kids (Workforce Services)

- Test programs in Ogden, Kearns and Glendale
- Case workers are in the school environment working with children and parents
- Determining what works and what doesn't work



TEST PROGRAMS

Model of Care (Human Services)

- Focus on funding flexibility, family and individual needs for long-term success
- Results demonstrate:
 - Improved educational performance
 - Lower care cost for families staying safely together



TIMELINE OF UTAH'S EFFORTS



CURRENT EFFORTS

Sharing agency data:

- Identify agency programs for the four focus areas
- Enhance data sharing
- Determine cross over and gaps



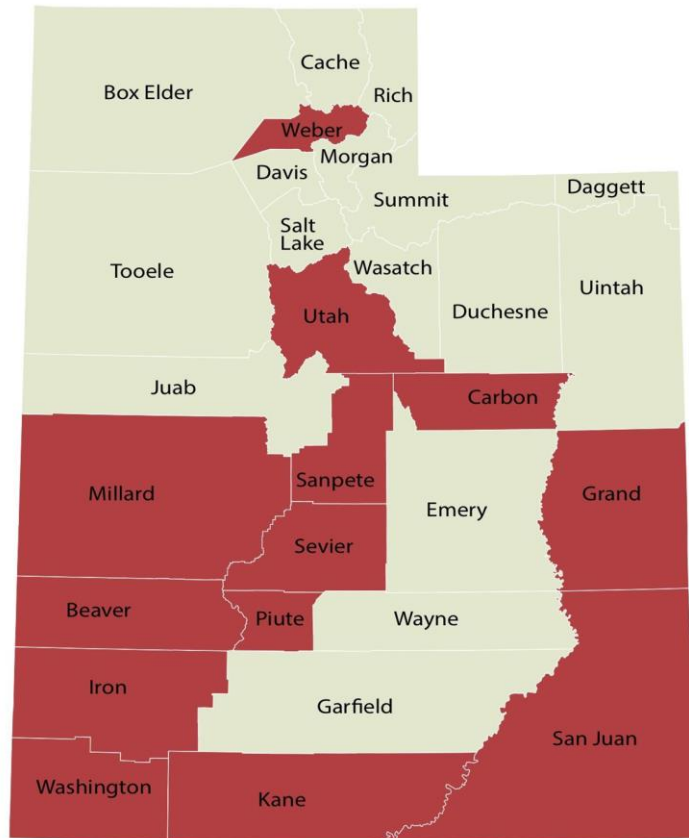
CURRENT EFFORTS

Community Engagement:



- Identify most impacted communities
- Build community data reports
- Form committees to create local plans

CURRENT EFFORTS



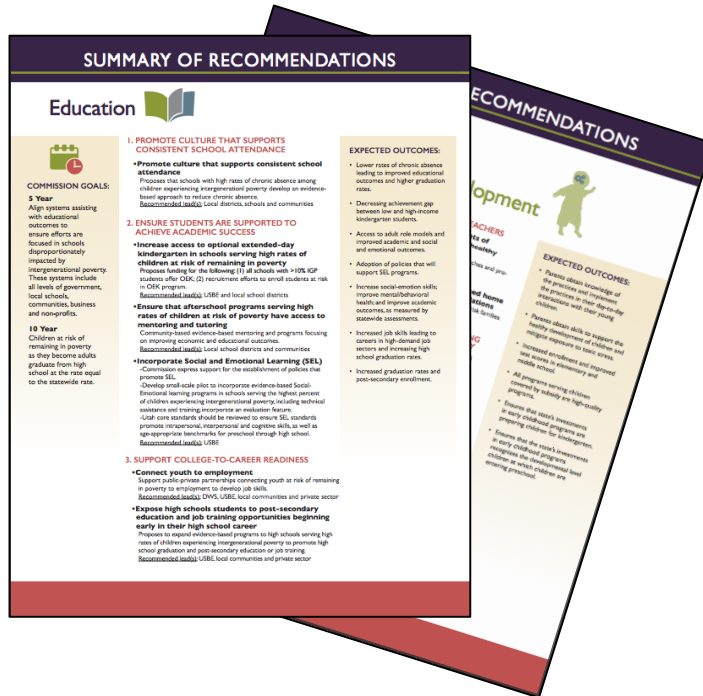
County Involvement:

- Local committees formed in 13 counties to address issue
- Committees and county leaders will put together local plans by June 2017

HOW TO HELP

Recommendations:

- Refer to the summary of recommendations
- Determine what recommendations in the focus area(s) your organization could implement and make progress
- Make wiser decisions on using limited resources



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Learn about intergenerational poverty,
Commission activities, annual reports and Five-
and 10-Year Plan:

intergenerationalpoverty.utah.gov



intergenerationalpoverty